

RUMANIAN KING WOUNDED WHILE TRYING TO FLEE

The Whole Country Is Said to Be in Insurrection and Rioters in the Streets Are Openly Demanding the Overthrow of the Dynasty and the Establishing of a Republic.

FERDINAND'S PALACE WAS ALSO ATTACKED

ROYAL FAMILY HELD PRISONERS

Working Men Blocked the Way When King and His Family Tried to Flee from Bucharest to Jassy

Berlin, Wednesday, Feb. 12 (by the Associated Press).—A general insurrection is in progress throughout Rumania, according to a special dispatch from Vienna. King Ferdinand has been wounded slightly in attempting to flee from Bucharest with the royal family.

Working men blocked the roadway from the royal palace when the royal family attempted to flee to Jassy and the king and his family were forced to return. The king was wounded when the workers, according to the report, fired upon the royal palace.

Rioters in the streets of Bucharest are openly demanding the overthrow of the dynasty, crying: "Down with the puppets—Long live the republic!"

The Vilag of Budapest learns that the revolt is part of bolshevik propaganda. In a clash between the military and demonstrators at Bakost, sixty persons were killed and 150 wounded. The discipline of the Rumanian army, the newspaper adds, is collapsing. The food and economic situation is rapidly growing worse and the country's finances are completely demoralized. The position of the Bratianu cabinet is declared to be untenable.

BRITISH TO ASK SUM EQUAL TO COST OF WAR

British Delegates at Peace Conference Have Been Definitely Instructed to Make That Claim.

London, Feb. 13.—The British delegates at the peace conference have been definitely instructed to claim an indemnity which will include the cost of the war as well as the damage actually caused, it was announced in the House of Commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the Commons.

RAIDED I. W. W. HEADQUARTERS. Many Idlers in the Rooms in Chicago Arrested.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—The police yesterday raided the once busy general headquarters of the I. W. W., and arrested 29 idlers "to see who they were and why they were not working," an officer said. Government agents professed no interest in the raid, although the police said the arrests were made with the knowledge of the government.

The activity of the police came after publication of reports of an alleged conspiracy against the life of President Wilson and W. G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, for which Pierre Pierre was arrested in Cleveland yesterday. Pierre, an I. W. W. released last October from Leavenworth penitentiary, had expected to obtain financial aid in Chicago.

SOLDIER A SUICIDE. Maynard J. Padgett's Body Found in the Woods Near Devens.

Ayer, Mass., Feb. 13.—The body of Maynard J. Padgett, a private in company A, 36th infantry, was found in the woods on the rifle range at Camp Devens last yesterday. Camp authorities said that Padgett had shot himself in the head with a revolver.

He was a son of David Padgett of Peru, Va. Comrades said he had shown signs of melancholia.

A MOTHER SENTENCED For Having Strangled Her New-Born Infant.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 13.—Mary McCarthy of Ansonia, who pleaded guilty to having strangled to death her newborn infant, was sentenced by Judge Webb in superior court today to one to three years in the state prison.

EZRA SOUTHWORTH DEAD. Was Resident of Deep River, Conn., But Business Man in New York.

Deep River, Conn., Feb. 13.—Ezra J. R. Southworth, a member of the general assembly from Saybrook two years ago, died at his home here today, aged 75. He was vice-president of Shortland Brothers' Harbor Transportation company of New York and had spent the greater part of his life in New York City.

WILSON FEARS WAR OUTBREAK

Said to Have Admitted Possibility of German Hostilities

DEMANDS WILL BE MADE OF GERMANY

That She Cease the Warfare Against Poles and Restrains Her Forces

Paris, Feb. 13.—The supreme war council has decided, says a Havas report, that the armistice with Germany will be renewed Feb. 17 for a very brief period, with the allies reserving the right to suspend it at any time in the event of Germany's failure to carry out new clauses or those which have hitherto not been executed. It is said the council will provide that the Germans must cease hostilities against the Poles and maintain their forces within fixed limits.

During the brief period of the renewed armistice, a special commission will definitely draft the conditions of an armistice which will last till the signature of the peace preliminaries. These conditions, which the supreme war council is reported to have approved in a rough form yesterday afternoon, have in view, it is said, the demobilization of the German army and the disarmament of the enemy under the supervision of the allies. These terms, it is understood, will be communicated to Germany so that the national assembly at Weimar will have time to deliberate upon them until the provisional armistice expires.

Marshal Foch, who leaves for Treves today, will interview Premier Clemenceau this morning and will begin drafting the armistice provisions which the supreme war council will probably examine this afternoon.

It is reported that M. Clemenceau made an impressive speech at yesterday's sitting of the council, showing the necessity of taking all desirable precautions against Germany. At the afternoon sitting President Wilson is declared to have adopted the same viewpoint, affirming that all the allies were engaged on that point and that divergencies which cropped up during the previous discussions were solely on the most suitable methods of obtaining the necessary guarantees.

President Wilson, according to the report, is understood to have declared in conversation that a resumption of hostilities was a grave contingency to which he would agree only on the most absolute essential considerations, and not for any secondary motive. The report states that, in Mr. Wilson's opinion, the non-execution of the terms of the armistice by Germany would justify the resumption of war, and that he would not hesitate in that case to order the American army to take up arms again.

THIRD PROPOSAL FOR A NEW STATE

This Time the Counties Would Be 33
States of New Jersey and Connecticut.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The third bill to create a new state to be introduced in the New York legislature since the state ratified the federal prohibition amendment made its appearance today. It would comprise 33 counties of New York and the states of New Jersey and Connecticut, neither of which has ratified. The new state would be named New Greater New York and those from a line formed by Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, Delaware, Oswego, Herkimer and St. Lawrence counties eastward to the state line. The measure was introduced in the assembly by A. P. McLaughlin of the Bronx, a Democrat.

The first new state bill sought to make a new state out of Greater New York only. The second would include in the proposed new commonwealth the counties in the New York watershed besides those comprising the greater city.

MORE WORKING AT LAWRENCE. But Union Officials Maintain Their Ranks Unbroken.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 13.—A report by increase in the number of working operatives was reported today by watchers at the gates of the textile plants affected by the strike of a portion of the employees for 54 hours' pay for 48 hours' work. Meanwhile the general committee of the strikers asserted that their ranks were unbroken and they continued preparations for another outdoor mass meeting.

ALIENS APPLYING FOR NATURALIZATION IN Hartford Did Not Renegé.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 13.—Contrasted with reports from New York City that more than 2,000 aliens there had reneged on their declaration of intention of becoming citizens in order to gain exemption from the draft, the statement was made today at the office of United States Commissioner Richard Carroll that not one such case had come to the attention of the federal authorities in this city.

MURDER CASE WITH JURY. Mrs. Annie F. Monahan Charged With Killing Third Husband.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 13.—The case of Mrs. Annie F. Monahan, on trial in superior court on a charge of having murdered her third husband, John P. Monahan, by administering poison, went to the jury this afternoon.

MURDERER DIED. But His Two Victims Are Still Alive Today.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 13.—George Papadakis, aged 19, who Tuesday shot his former sweetheart, Miss Nancy Pratt, aged 17, and Victor Laque, a young man with whom she was walking, and then shot himself, died at a hospital here today. The girl is said to be in a critical condition. Laque is recovering.

HIGHWAY BILL WAS REJECTED

House Would Have Nothing to Do With Patrol Committee Measure

WOMEN NEED NOT PAY POLL TAXES

If They Do Not Care to Vote, the House Voted Thunders To-day

With unusually heavy calendars facing both the House and Senate this morning, both branches of the legislature got down to business with a vengeance. After having thrashed the bill giving women the option of paying a poll tax and voting in town meeting all over the lot yesterday, it was taken up this morning and passed, without the Orton amendment requiring all women to pay the tax and vote, by the unquestionable record of 200 to 22. A moment later, H. 151, the new highway bill, which came in this morning under an adverse report from the House committee on highways and bridges, was put to sleep "without benefit of clergy," by an almost unanimous vote and the nails were driven into the coffin lid when a thunderous "No" was the response to Mr. Dyer's motion for reconsideration.

A resolution offered in the Senate this morning by Senator Ames provides that the lieutenant governor appoint four senators and the speaker of the House appoint five representatives as a joint committee to investigate state expenses. The resolution was referred to the committee on state and court expenses.

A new bill, S. 61, was introduced in the Senate this morning by Senator Howland, giving authority to the city council of the city of Barre to utilize for burial purposes about 7,400 square feet of land within the limits of Elmwood cemetery in the city of Barre.

The House had a somewhat rocky road to travel this morning during the early part of the session. Mr. White of Woodstock, chairman of the committee on suffrage and elections, asked that H. 1, providing that women voters shall take the Freeman's oath and pay a poll tax, should be taken off the hands of the committee and taken up for immediate action. It was recommitted after the long discussion over it yesterday.

Mr. White explained that the committee thought that the Orton amendment to the amendments to the bill yesterday, providing that all women citizens of the state should pay a poll tax, was out of order because it was in opposition to the original amendment which it amended. Speaker Dana ruled that the Orton amendment was in order, and called for a vote, by which the amendment to the amendment was lost, and it was decided that the paying of a poll tax would not be compulsory, if a woman did not want to vote.

The same vote on the Alexander amendments to the bill and these were adopted. Mr. Alexander offered a third amendment providing that the bill should take effect from April 1, 1919, and this was also adopted. Mr. White of Woodstock called the yeas and nays, and the vote resulted 200 to 22 in favor of passage. Mr. Alexander then offered an amendment to the title of the bill, adding the words "and also to amend section 677 of the general laws, relating to the listing of polls," this to cover the amendments which had been adopted. And the bill was thus disposed of after its strenuous journey through the House.

It was requested that the House ask the governor to return to the House H. 49, two bills which have passed the House, but in which some undesirable features have been found. The House so voted.

Upon the appearance of H. 112, relating to the settlements of accounts of executors, administrators, etc., the bill which took up so much time in the House yesterday, Mr. Taylor of Hardwick interrogated the committee upon certain features of the bill, and then offered an amendment to the bill. After some little trouble over the matter, Mr. Taylor finally withdrew his amendment and moved that the bill be recommitted. Others took a hand in the debate, but the bill was finally recommitted.

Passed by House.

The House then settled into the routine and passed:

H. 125, relating to returns made by officers of certain corporations to the commissioner of taxes, providing for a penalty for false statements therein.

H. 148 (as amended), relating to the prevention of venereal disease.

H. 156, relating to the licensing of milk and cream testers and the making of regulations relating to the testing of milk and cream.

H. 176, relating to filing bonds in cases in which injunctions are issued.

Adopted in Concurrence by House.

J. B. S. 10, relating to inspection of public institutions by legislative committees of this general assembly.

Bills Introduced in Senate.

S. 60, an act relating to the granting of automobile licenses to persons under the age of 18 years. (License may be granted to persons 14 to 18 years of age.) By Senator Taylor of Rutland.

S. 62, reported by committee on state and court expenses as substitute for S. 7, an act relating to salaries of county clerks, increasing salary of county clerks of Chittenden, Orleans and Windham counties.

Passed in Concurrence by Senate.

H. 46, an act to amend section 1,232 of the general laws, relating to the location and construction of schools.

H. 80, an act relating to the preparing of a record of real estate for the use of lenders.

H. 90, an act relating to time of filing annual statements by insurance companies.

H. 141, an act to amend section 579 of the general laws, relating to payment of certain claims by the auditor of accounts.

Third Reading Ordered by Senate.

S. 31, an act to pay the Free Press Printing company the sum named therein.

S. 58, an act to pay the Barre & Montpelier...

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DR. C. W. STEELE DIED EARLY THIS MORNING

Had Been Dentist in Barre for 30 Years and Was Prominent in Social and Fraternal Life.

Dr. C. W. Steele, for 30 years a dentist in Barre and prominent in the social and fraternal life of the community, died at his home, 2 North street, at 1 o'clock this morning. The immediate cause of death was heart failure following a severe attack of neuritis, a trouble he had experienced at times for the past few years and for which he was treated at Mt. Clemens, Mich., during the early part of the winter with apparent benefit, for he was able to attend to his work in his dental office up to within a short time of his death.

Clarence Warren Steele was born at Northfield Dec. 21, 1857, the eldest son of S. Warren and Martha (Cram) Steele. He was educated in the graded and high school at Northfield, after which he was for a time engaged in the mercantile business with his father under the firm name of S. W. Steele & Son. After six years in that business he began the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. A. A. Minot of Northfield and later attended the New York Dental college, from which he was graduated in 1889. He immediately came to Barre and had practiced his profession in this city ever since then, being recognized as one of the best men in the profession in this vicinity and building up a large practice.

Dr. Steele was prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of the "blue lodge" and the commandery in this city and of Mt. Sinai temple, Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier, being at one time illustrious potentate of the last-named organization. He was also a member of Vincinia lodge, Knights of Pythias, of this city. He was a man of very genial nature and had a cheerful word at all times for his acquaintances; and his death will cause great sorrow for a host of friends, by whom he was held in high esteem.

In 1882 Dr. Steele married Hattie Dunsmoor of Northfield, who died in 1906. In 1908 he married Ida B. Averill of Barre, who survives him. He also leaves one brother, Dr. F. E. Steele of Montpelier.

Prayer services will be held for the family at the house on North street Saturday at noon, and a public funeral will be held at the Universalist church at 1 o'clock, Rev. J. B. Reardon officiating. The interment will be in Elmwood cemetery in Northfield.

VERY MILD CAUCUS IS FORECAST

There Is a Dearth of Announced Candidates to Be Voted for at Barre Caucus To-night.

Unless there is a decided change between the time of going to press and 7:30 this evening, the city caucus to nominate candidates to be voted for at the forthcoming municipal election will be a very mild affair. Never in the political history of Barre has there been as little talk about candidates and about city affairs as during the present pre-caucus period, the voters being remarkably apathetic.

The only person who has announced that he would accept the nomination for mayor is the present incumbent, E. C. Glysson, who is completing his second term as the city's executive. Mayor Glysson has recently expressed himself as a receptive candidate providing the voters care to have him serve another term. So it is up to the voters to say to-night whether he is to be the caucus nominee. There are the usual hints about dark candidates.

It is understood that the meeting called by some of the labor men last night to consider city politics did not come to any decision on the matter and the labor men will not, it is expected, follow any concerted plan in the caucus to-night.

Besides nominating a candidate for mayor, the caucus will be called upon to fill the municipal ballot with names of those who are candidates for city clerk, city treasurer, first constable, second constable, three directors of French's Barre library, three auditors to serve for one year and one assessor to serve for three years.

It goes without saying that James Mackay will be renominated as the police officer of city clerk and city treasurer. No decided opposition has developed to First Constable George L. Morris, and, if the usual precedent is followed, the nomination for second constable will be more or less of a formality. The directors of French's Barre library are likely to be renominated if they care to run. The audit board will have to be re-nominated. The auditors are William Stephen, D. J. Sullivan and John T. Averill. It is understood that the first two are candidates, but Mr. Averill wishes it stated that he will not be a candidate.

The retiring assessor is Augustus M. Rossi. Mr. Rossi had made no public statement whether he would be a candidate or not.

HUGE BANK THEFT CHARGED—BANK CLOSED

J. F. Swartz of Park Bank, Pittsburg, Has Been Arrested—Receiver for the Bank Has Been Appointed.

Pittsburg, Feb. 13.—With the arrest of J. F. Swartz, cashier, charged with embezzling \$250,000 of its funds, the Park bank, one of the leading financial institutions of the east end, was closed this morning. It was announced that P. G. Cameron, state bank examiner, had been appointed receiver. The bank's statement on Jan. 1 showed deposits of \$2,235,839.

STRIKE REFERENDUM Will Be Taken By the Engineers' Union at Butte, Mont.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 13.—The engineers' union, one of the most powerful in this field, early today voted to take a referendum next Saturday to decide whether it would go on strike in sympathy with the striking miners here. The engineers are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The union had been requested by the Butte Metal Miners' union, an independent organization, and Metal Industrial union, No. 800, an I. W. U. body, to strike in sympathy with their members, who quit work last Friday in protest of a reduction in wages.

SHERIFFS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Vermont Association Chose George A. Tracy of Chelsea as Its President

CONVENTION IN BARRE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

About 50 Members from All Parts of the State Were Present

A highly successful, although somewhat lightly attended, convention of the Vermont Sheriffs' association was held in Barre yesterday and today, the sessions being full of interest to the members and many obscure points in the duties of the sheriffs being brought out in the discussions. About 50 members were present from all parts of the state, nearly all the high sheriffs being in attendance and a liberal sprinkling of the deputy sheriffs.

The sessions were held in the Howland hall, the first gathering, which was last night, being presided over by Sheriff Richard Beattie of Montpelier, who was president of the association during the past year. The session was more or less informal, and persons other than members were called in to give addresses. The speakers last night included State Auditor Benjamin Gates of Montpelier, Harvey Goodell, secretary of civil and military affairs under Governor Clement, and State's Attorney Earl R. Davis of Barre. All of them confined their remarks to observations as to the best relationship between their respective departments and the sheriffs of the state, and, in addition, Secretary Goodell elucidated to some extent what the present executive administration has in mind and what has been accomplished thus far. Messrs. Gates and Davis bespoke greater co-operation between their offices and the sheriffs' department and told of the relationship between them, and the latter stated that greater efficiency could be reached through a blending of the efforts of the office of the state attorney and of the sheriffs' department.

When the convention was resumed this morning, Secretary-Treasurer H. C. Lawson of Montpelier presented his annual report. He reported a total of 309 members during the year 1918, and the financial side of the report stated that the amount due for dues from those members was \$322, of which \$165 had been paid, leaving \$157 still payable. Caledonia county has the largest membership, 51, with Washington county second, 42, and Bennington and Grand Isle counties tied for the smallest membership. The only three counties which had a clear slate in the payment of dues were Addison, Essex and Orange. The membership is divided as follows: Addison 18, Bennington 11, Caledonia 51, Chittenden 15, Essex 13, Franklin 29, Grand Isle 11, Lamoille 10, Orange 19, Orleans 21, Rutland 24, Washington 42, Windham 17, Windsor 22.

The report of the secretary-treasurer was accepted and placed on record, after which the association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—George A. Tracy, Chelsea.

Vice-president—George Catlin, St. Albans.

Secretary-treasurer—Henry C. Lawson, Montpelier.

Auditors—F. W. Fitzgerald, Norwich; W. L. Fairbanks, Springfield; M. C. Garfield, St. Johnsbury.

The remainder of the time of the convention was taken up with a discussion of the matter of process, each member being privileged to bring up any point that was not entirely clear to him, after which there was a discussion to bring out the facts.

ASK HIGHER RATES. Two Telephone Companies to Be Given Hearing at St. Johnsbury.

The Vermont public service commission gathered in Montpelier this afternoon for a conference and will go to St. Johnsbury, where, to-morrow, a hearing will be held on the petition of the Citizens' Telephone company and the Sheffield Telephone company for the right to raise rates. Attorney General F. C. Archibald will represent the state in opposition to the petitions for the increase of rates. It is expected that other telephone companies will seek a right to raise rates.

DIED AT SHARON. Benjamin B. Tiltonson, Who Went There from Highgate Springs.

White River Junction, Feb. 13.—Benjamin B. Tiltonson, for four years past a resident of Highgate Springs, died at his home in that town Tuesday evening from pneumonia. Mr. Tiltonson was 64 years of age and came to Sharon from Highgate Springs. A brother is Lee S. Tiltonson, former adjutant-general of Vermont. The funeral will be held Saturday from the Sharon Congregational church.

MONKTON MAN'S WIFE DEAD. Mrs. Edward Palmer Passed Away in Burlington Hospital.

Announcement was made in the House of Representatives at Montpelier this noon of the death of Mrs. Edward Palmer, wife of the representative in the House from the town of Monkton. Her death occurred in the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington last night.

PRONOUNCED SANE. Lincoln McKinley Grant Will Be Tried for Murder.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 13.—Lincoln McKinley Grant of this city will be placed on trial in superior court here Monday, April 7, on a charge of murder in the first degree in connection with the death of Miles Hewitt, who was found dead on his farm on Feb. 22, 1917. Grant has since the state farm at Bridgewater since January, 1918, for observation as to his sanity and since experts have pronounced him sane. No order has been given as to whether or not Mrs. Margaret Hewitt, wife of the victim, will be tried at the same time as Grant.